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IT'S NOT HIS REAL NAME, BUT
YOU CAN CALL HIM *KANO*.

THUG, MERCENARY AND ASSASSIN, HE
REPRESENTS THE *BLACK DRAGON*,
CRIME'S MOST NOTORIOUS
ORGANIZATION.

THERE
HE IS! LET'S
GET HIM.

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EVENTS HAVE LED HIM HERE TO THE
PLACE CALLED *OUTWORLD*.

BUT WHEREVER HE IS, *ONE*
THING'S FOR CERTAIN...

...TROUBLE IS NOT
FAR BEHIND.

MORTAL MAYHEM

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I WANT WHAT
WAS *STOLEN* FROM
ME, NINJA.

I WANT
THE *MAGIC*
BOOK.

AND
WHATEVER
I HAVE TO
DO...

WHATEVER
IT TAKES...

KANO WILL
TAKE BACK WHAT'S
HIS.

I DON'T GET IT,
HOW COULD THIS BE?

THE SECRETS OF
THE *LIN KUEI* ARE NOT
FOR YOU TO KNOW,
CUR.

WHY YOU
-UP?



FIVE RIDDOLES
FROM THE
TAO TE ZHAN
HAVE BEEN
ANSWERED.

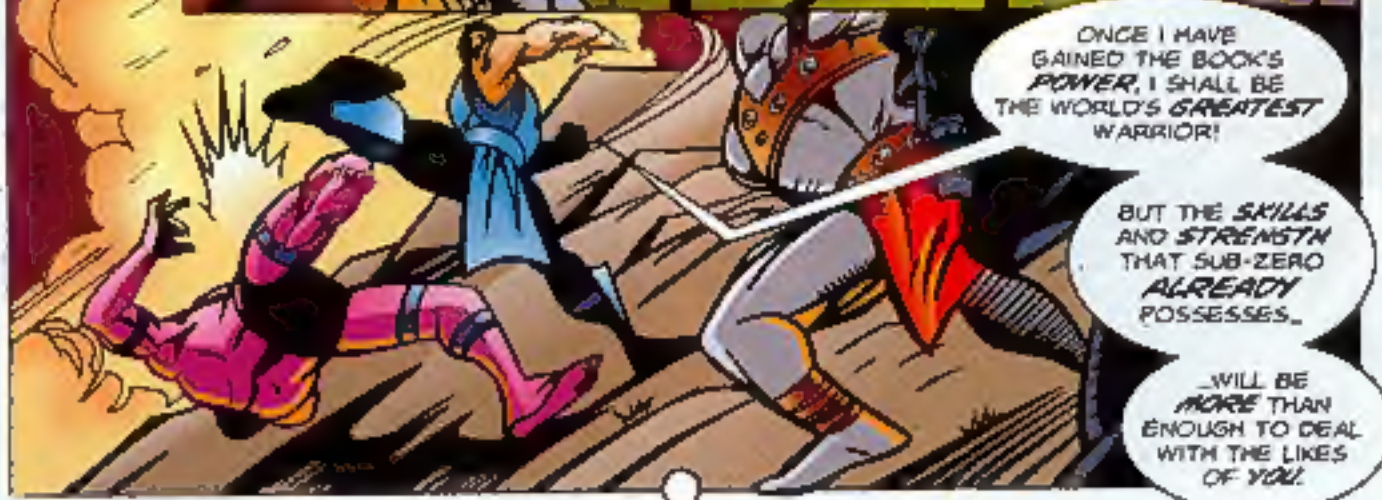
ONCE TWO
MORE ARE SOLVED,
A POWER MOST GREAT
SHALL DESCEND UPON
US.

BUT IT SHALL
BELONG TO ONLY
ONE... TO
SUB-ZERO.

THEY ARE THE *MUTANTS* OF THIS
LAND, AN EVIL AND DANGEROUS
LOT.



THE GOALS OF THEIR LIVES ARE SIMPLE
ONES... TO SURVIVE AND TO DESTROY.



ONCE I HAVE
GAINED THE BOOK'S
POWER, I SHALL BE
THE WORLD'S GREATEST
WARRIOR!

BUT THE SKILLS
AND STRENGTH
THAT SUB-ZERO
ALREADY
POSSESSES...

...WILL BE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO DEAL
WITH THE LIKES
OF YOU.

FOR I AM THE
COLD WARRIOR.
THE ARCTIC CHILL
IS MINE TO
COMMAND.

I CAME TO THE
ISLAND OF SHANG
TSUNG TO CLAIM
THE TITLE OF GRAND
MASTER OF MORTAL
KOMBAT.

FOOOSSSHHH

ARRRRGGGNNNNH.

I AM
SUB-ZERO,
AND I AM...

UUGGNNHH...

WHUMMMPPPP

THE TIME HAS
COME FOR THE LIN KUEI
CLAN TO RISE TO ITS
PLACE OF POWER.

DOOOONNN

YOU ARE
SUB-ZERO...
THE GOOF WHO
RUNS HIS MOUTH
TOO MUCH.

YAKETTY
YAKETTY
YAKETTY
YAK.

UHHNNHH...





SHE IS *SONYA BLADE*, A MEMBER
OF THE *U.S. SPECIAL FORCES*.

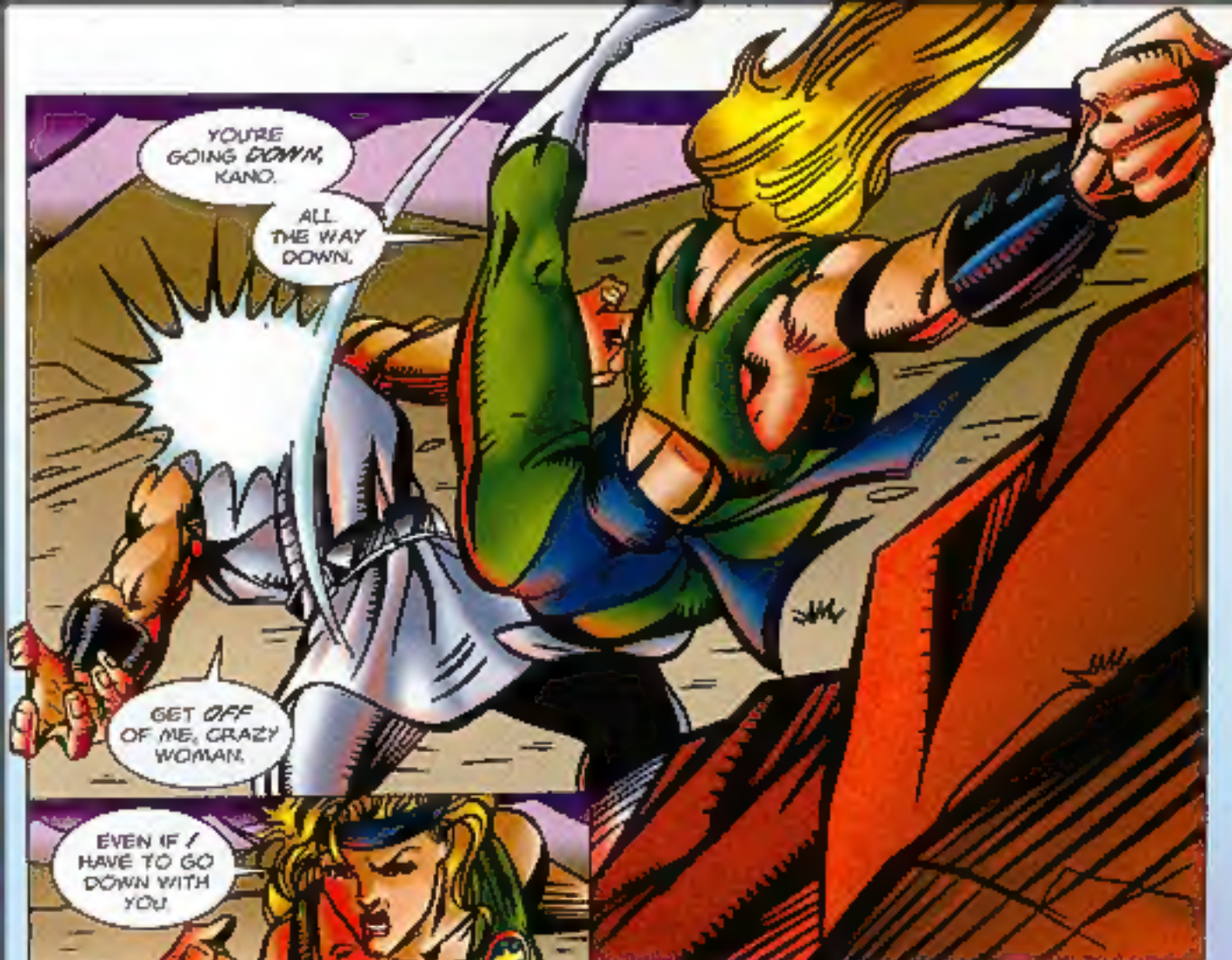
SHE HAS CHASED THIS GOLD BLOODED
KILLER HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD,
AND--IN THE PROCESS--WATCHED HIM
MURDER CLOSE FRIENDS OF HER.

THE
GOVERNMENT
SAYS THAT I'VE
GOT TO TAKE YOU
IN *ALIVE*,
KANO.

THAT I'VE GOT TO
SLAP THE CLIFFS ON
YOU AND LET YOU
FACE YOUR FATE
IN A COURT OF
LAW.

I'VE NEVER
DISOBEYED AN
ORDER IN
MY ENTIRE
CAREER.

UNTIL
NOW.



YOU'RE GOING DOWN, KANO.

ALL THE WAY DOWN.

GET OFF OF ME, CRAZY WOMAN.

EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO DOWN WITH YOU.



MAYBE... MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A DEAL.

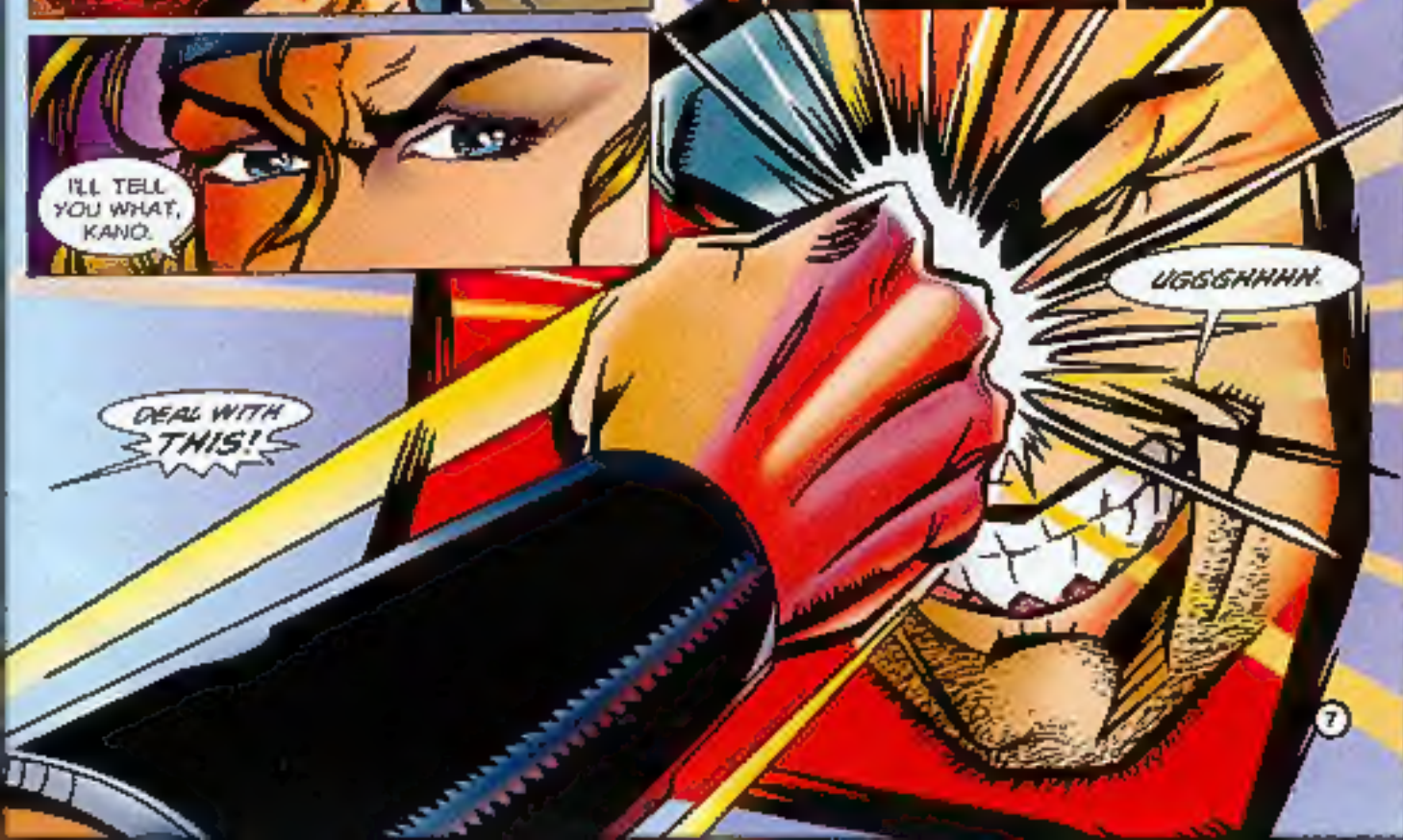
A DEAL?!



I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, KANO.

DEAL WITH THIS!

KADUNH!



UGGGHHHHH.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU ARE,
THAT'S THE THOUGHT
THAT RUNS THROUGH
SONYA BLADE'S MIND.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU ARE,
AND WHILE KANO MAY BE
A KILLER, SHE IS *NOT*.

THIS IS
THE END OF
THE LINE,
KANO.

YOU HAVEN'T
GOT THE GUTS,
WOMAN. WE *BOTH*
KNOW IT.

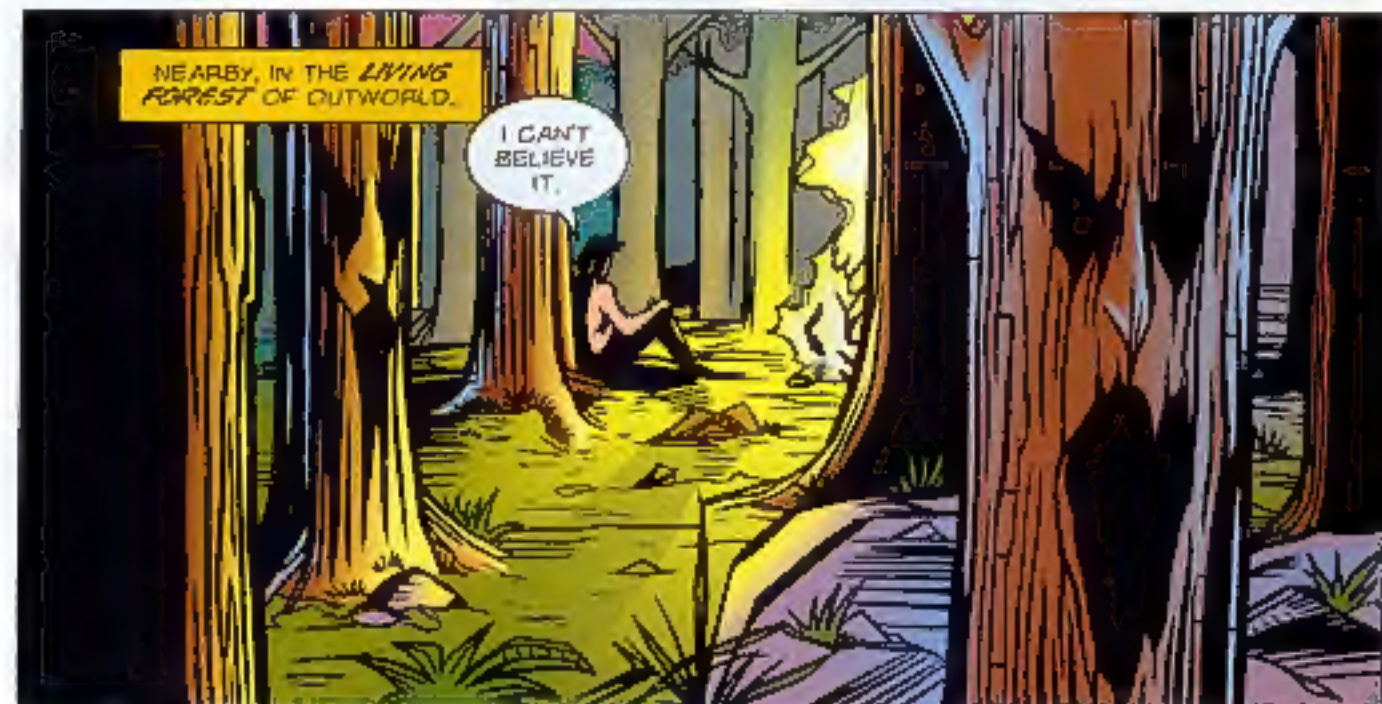
YOU WON'T...
AHHHHHHH!

YOU'RE
RIGHT, KANO.
I *WON'T* KILL
YOU.

BUT I *WILL*
MAKE YOU *WISH*
YOU WERE
DEAD.

NEARBY, IN THE *LIVING FOREST OF OUTWORLD.*

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.



THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS GETTING STABBED BY KANO, AND YET...

I'M ALIVE.



UGH, TASTES BITTER.

HERE, LIU KANG. DRINK AS MUCH OF THIS AS YOU ARE ABLE.

YOU LOOK FAMILIAR-- DO I KNOW YOU?

JUST BARELY YOUR WOUND WAS VERY DEEP.





YOU DO NOT
KNOW ME. LIU
KANG, BUT YOU
KNOW OF ME

I AM CALLED
KUNG LAO.

IT IS A NAME
THAT REPRESENTS
MUCH TO THE ORDER
OF LIGHT

THIS
JUST GETS
WEIRDER AND
WEIRDER



KUNG
LAO

HE WAS THE ORDER OF LIGHT
FIGHTING MONK WHO FELL TO
DEATH IN MORTAL KOMBAT 500
YEARS AGO



THAT IS
CORRECT
I AM HIS
SOLE LIVING
DESCENDANT

FIRST THE
TAO TE ZHAN,
NOW A DESCENDANT
OF KUNG LAO DOES
THE ORDER OF LIGHT
KNOW ABOUT
YOU?

OF COURSE
THEY DO, BUT I AM
NOT AN ACTIVE PART
OF THEIR ORDER
RIGHT NOW

I HAVE SPENT
MY LIFE WANDERING,
AND IN MY JOURNEYS
I HAVE SEEN AND
LEARNED MUCH



YOU SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN I
HAVE STAYED
WITH THE
ORDER

THE ORDER
OF LIGHT IS WELL
REPRESENTED BY
YOU, LIU KANG

SIAMS, THE ORDER'S GREATEST
CHAMPION, FELL RECENTLY TO
EVILTY GORO

WHETHER
THEY ARE AWARE
OF IT OR NOT

YOU HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN
THEIR GREATEST
CHAMPION

YOU MUST
REST YOUR
BODY MUST
HEAL

SHALL
GATHER MORE
WOOD FOR OUR
FIRE FEEL A
CHILL WIND
APPROACHING

DON'T
FEEL MUCH
LIKE ONE

FEEL LIKE
HAVE... HAVE THE
STRENGTH OF A
KITTEN.



NOT THAT FAR AWAY

THAT WAS
ALMOST TOO
EASY

IT WAS FOOLISH
TO TURN MY BACK
ON THAT
JACKAL.

THE LIN KUEI
TRAINED ME
BETTER THAN
THAT


"LUCKILY, THE WOMAN AND CRIMINAL
WERE TOO BUSY FIGHTING TO PAY
ME ANY ATTENTION."

SO ONCE AGAIN THE
TAO TE ZHAN BELONGS
TO SUB-ZERO

I WAS IN
AND OUT OF
THERE SO
FAST

THAT
THEY NEVER SAW ME
COM UGGGGNNHH.

WHHHHAPPPP



YOU GAVE
ME THE **COLD**
SHOULDER LAST
TIME AROUND.

YAAAAARRGGGGHHHH.

BUT THIS
TIME, **YOU'RE**
THE ONE THAT'S
GONNA BE PUT
ON ICE.

COURTESY
OF **JOHNNY**
CAGE!

PAOOWWWWWW

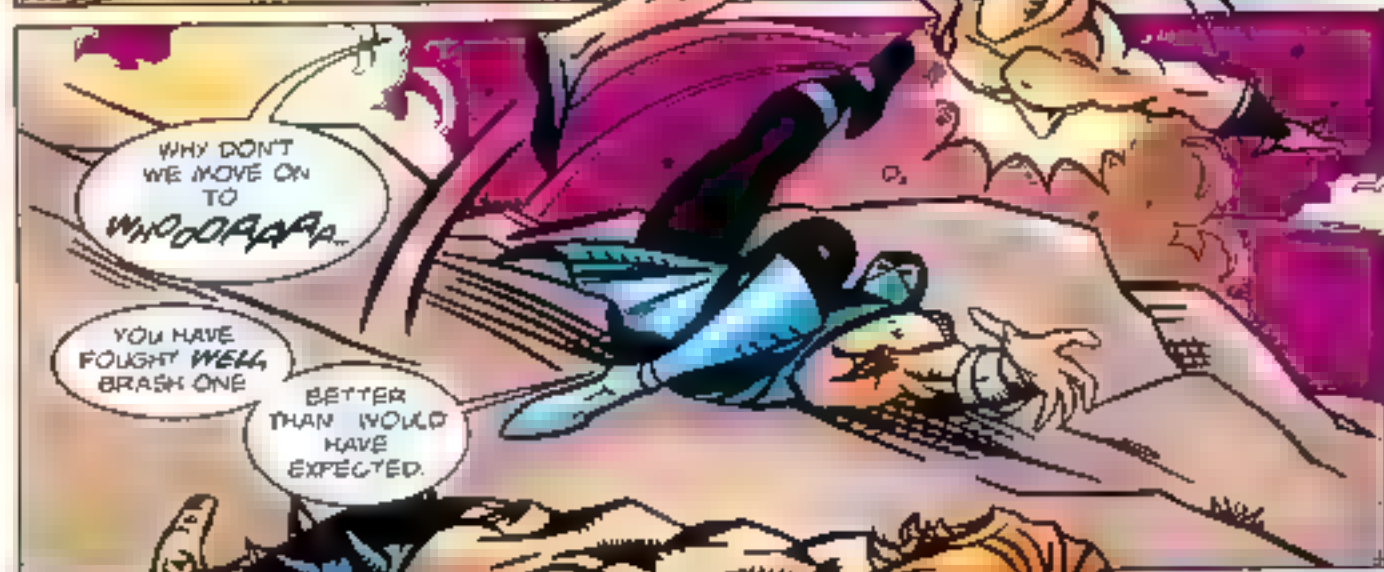


VERMIN!
YOU ARE
NO MATCH
FOR THE
LIN KUE!

KINDA
LIKE
THIS!

LYNN QUAY
THINK SHE
WAS IN ONE OF
MY MOVIES. GAVE
HER A BIG KISS
ON THE MOUTH.





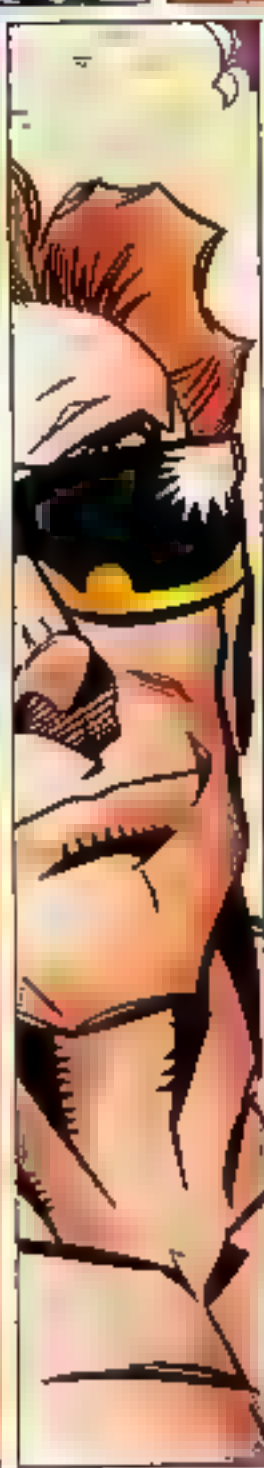
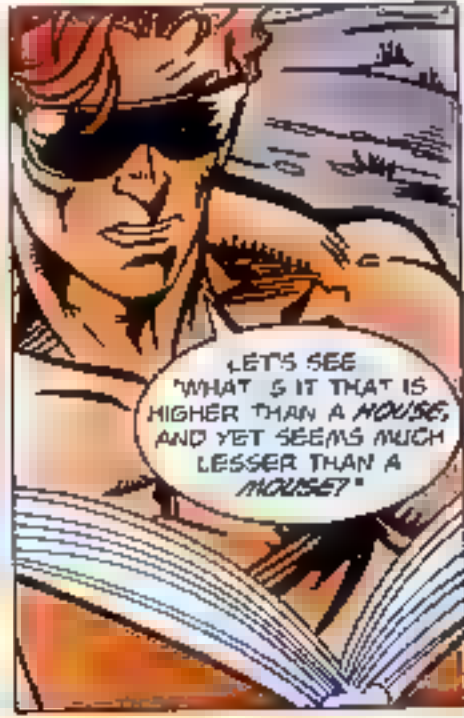


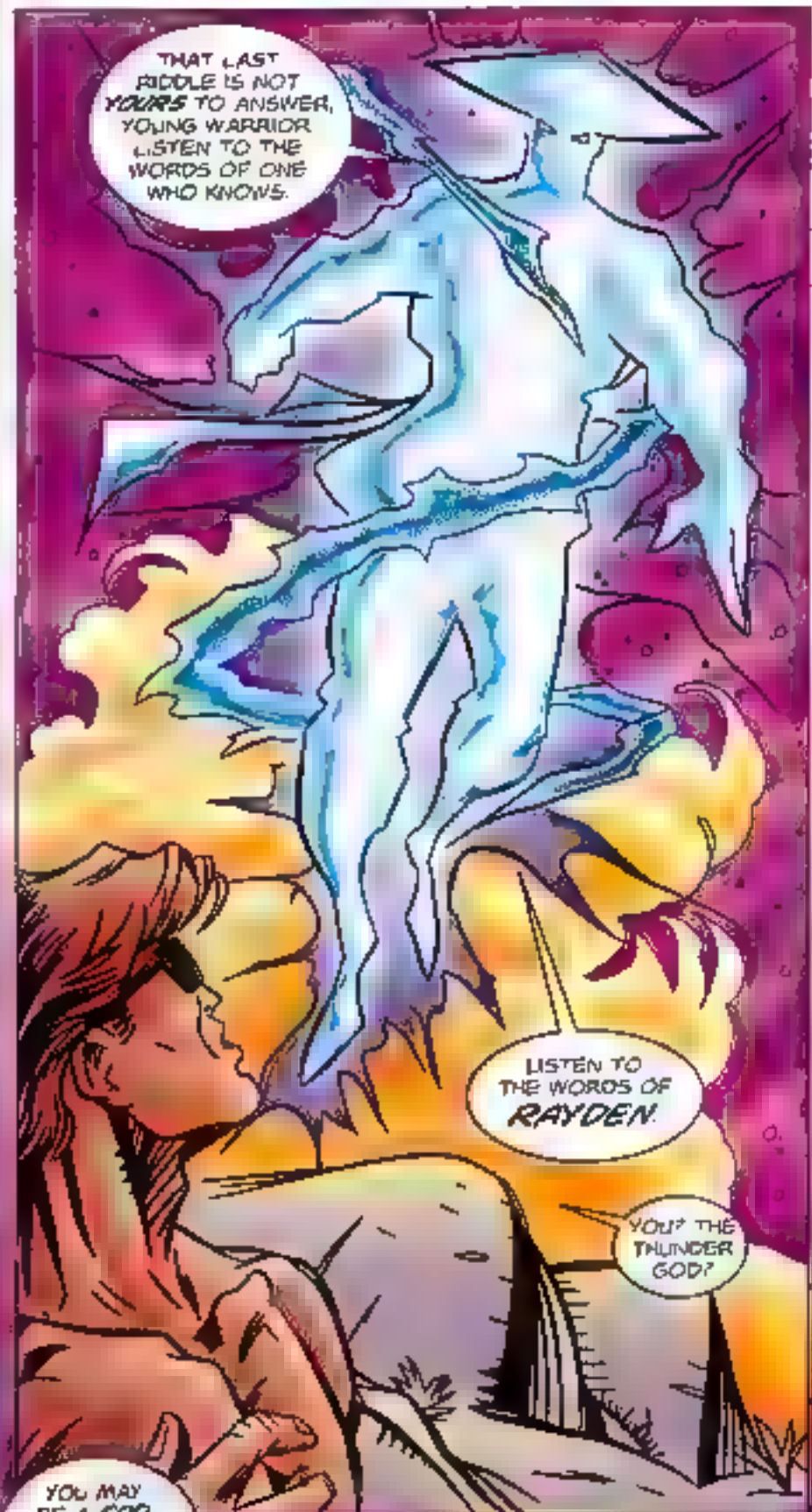
HIS CRITICS ARGUE THAT HIS FIGHT SCENES ARE
MERELY EXTRAVAGANT CHOREOGRAPHY AND
STAGED ACROBATICS

THE STUNTMEN HE WORK WITH TELL A
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STORY

BUT PRODUCERS, DIRECTORS
AND MOVIE GOERS ALIKE AGREE
ABOUT ONE THING

NOBODY MAKES A HIT
LIKE JOHNNY CAGE





THAT LAST
RIDDLE IS NOT
YOURS TO ANSWER,
YOUNG WARRIOR.
LISTEN TO THE
WORDS OF ONE
WHO KNOWS.

LISTEN TO
THE WORDS OF
RAYDEN.


YOU? THE
THUNDER
GOD?

YOU MAY
BE A GOD,
RAYDEN, BUT
IF YOU WANT
THIS BOOK,

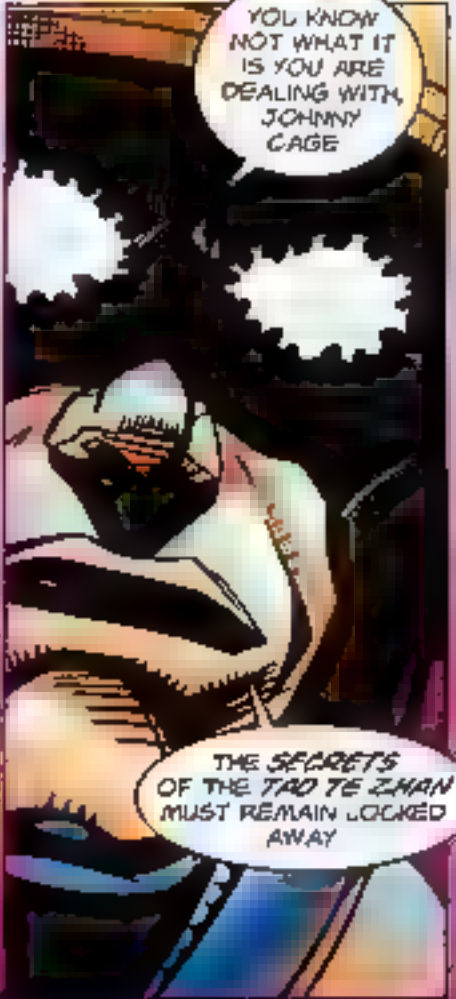
YOU'RE
GOING TO HAVE
TO TAKE IT AWAY
FROM ME.

IF THAT
IS WHAT YOU
WANT...

SO
BE IT



IT'S MINE,
RAYDEN. PLAN
ON KEEPING
IT



YOU KNOW
NOT WHAT IT
IS YOU ARE
DEALING WITH,
JOHNNY
CAGE

THE SECRETS
OF THE TAO TE ZHAN
MUST REMAIN LOCKED
AWAY

THE FURY
OF THE STORM
IS RAYDEN'S TO
COMMAND.

WHAT
CHANCE DOES
A MERE MORTAL
HAVE

AGAINST
THE POWER OF
A GOD?!

KRAAAA!!!

HEEEEESSSSHHH!

YOU'RE NOT
ALLOWED TO
INTERFERE WITH
ME. ARE YOU?

AND ONCE
I'VE ANSWERED
THIS LAST
RIDDLE.

NOTHING
WILL EVER BE
ABLE TO STOP ME

YOU COULD
STOP ME, BUT
YOU WON'T WILL
YOU, THUNDER
GOD?



RAYDEN
CANNOT TAKE
THE TAO TE ZHAN
FROM YOU BY
FORCE.

YOU ARE
CORRECT,
JOHNNY
CAGE



BUT
HEAR THIS
WARNING:

THE FORCES
YOU SEEK TO
UNLEASH WILL
NOT BE YOURS
TO COMMAND

THEY WILL
COMMAND
YOU
INSTEAD



"YOU WISH TO SHOW THE WORLD
THAT YOUR SKILL IS TRUE"

"YET YOU SEEK POWER OF
AN ARTIFICIAL NATURE"



I HADNT
THOUGHT OF
IT THAT
WAY

I GUESS
THIS WOULD BE
LIKE *FARKING* MY WAY
THROUGH MY
MOVIES.

THE ONLY
WAY FOR YOU TO
BE A TRUE CHAMPION,
JOHNNY CAGE..

IS FOR
YOU TO BE
TRUE TO
YOURSELF



ON THE ISLAND WHERE *MORTAL KOMBAT* WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE.

...THERE IS A *GRIM* COMMUNICATION GOING ON BETWEEN TWO WORLDS.

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE *GROUNDS* FOR THIS DELAY.

EITHER *RESUME* THE TOURNAMENT OR FACE THE *CONSEQUENCES*.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME, *INSECT*?

YES, MY LORD, BUT THE TAO TE ZHAN AND THE OTHERS ARE *STILL MISSING*.

AND RETRIEVING THEM IS BEYOND THE POWER OF YOUR LOWLY SERVANT *SHANG TSUNG*.

SO YOU SEEK A *BOON* FROM *SHAO KAHN*?

"AND *MOST* OF ALL, WE REQUIRE THE RETURN OF *NIGHTY GORO*."



WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THE EMPEROR COULD GRANT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MAY THE REIGN OF SHAO KAHN BE MAGNIFICENT AND EVERLASTING.



I AM RETURNING THE PLAYERS TO YOUR CARE, SHANG TSUNG.

BUT I LEAVE YOU WITH ONE FINAL WARNING: DO NOT FAIL ME!



THE GATEWAY IS BREACHED, AND...WHAT?

HEY, HEY
HEY, THE GANG'S
ALL HERE.

NEXT:

MORTAL KOMBAT VS. MORTAL KOMBAT II IN THE FIRST-EVER SUPER-SIZED

MORTAL KOMBAT
TOURNAMENT EDITION